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CONNECTING TELEPHONE EXCHANGES WITH OPTICAL FIBRE
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges set up in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether all the existing telephone exchanges have been connected with optical fibre;

(c) if not, the reason therefor, and

(d) the time by which all the telephone exchanges functioning in the State are likely to be connected with optical fibre?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRADHAN)

(a) 3220 telephone exchanges are set up in Uttar Pradesh as on 31.7.2003.

(b) No, Sir. Out of 3220 exchanges, 2740 exchanges have been connected with Optical fibre.

(c)&(d): According to existing guidelines`, all exchanges are to be connected by reliable medium such as optical fibre cable, microwave, satellite, cable PCM(Pulse Code Modulation) systems or underground cable depending on the techno economic considerations. Since all the 3220 exchanges in Uttar Pradesh have been connected on reliable media, there is no plan to connect all exchanges by only optical fibre cable.